

Serial No. 09/996,276

Page 8

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-23 and 24-27 are now pending in the present application. Claims 1-3, 17-20, 22 and 26 were amended. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

**I. 35 U.S.C. § 102 (Anticipation)**

Claims 1-6, 8, and 11-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Bullman et al (US Patent No. 6,778,505), hereinafter referred to as Bullman. Claims 1, 17, 19, 22 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Hughes (US Patent No. 6,778,505).

Independent claims 1, 17, 19, 22 and 26 have been amended to include the following clarifications: the IP communication device is "selected from either a DSL gateway or cable modem" (see p. 6, l. 7 for support), the request is broadcast "from the IP communication device" (see p. 13, l. 30 for support), the device identifier is "stored in the IP communication device" (see p. 13, l. 7-8 for support), and the configuration details "include an IP address" (see p. 14, l. 30 for support).

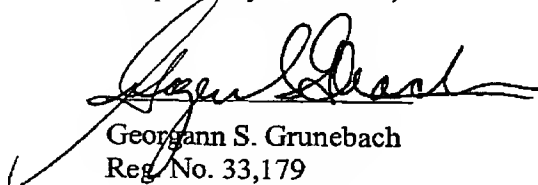
In a teleconference on December 8, 2005, Applicant reviewed these amendments with Examiner Asad Nawaz and the parties agreed that these amendments would clearly differentiate the claimed invention over the teachings of both Bullman and Hughes.

**II. Conclusion**

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over the cited references and is now in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below listed telephone number if, in the opinion of the Examiner, such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



Georgann S. Grunebach  
Reg. No. 33,179  
Attorney for Applicants

Date: December 8, 2005

Serial No. 09/996,276

Page 9

The DIRECTV Group, Inc.  
RE/R11/A109  
2250 E. Imperial Highway  
P. O. Box 956  
El Segundo CA 90245

Telephone No. (310) 964-4615